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**Title:** SUPPORT ELEMENT FOR AN INTEGRATED BLOOD  
TREATMENT MODULE, INTEGRATED BLOOD TREATMENT  
MODULE AND EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD TREATMENT  
APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH SAID INTEGRATED MODULE**Inventors:**Claudio TONELLI, Vincenzo BARALDI, Massimo ZACCARELLI,  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and  
Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 56 pages, including 2 independent claims and 195 claims total.
2. Drawings- 19 sheets of drawings containing 20 figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Preliminary Amendment
5. Certified copy of Italian Patent Application No. MI2003A000213, filed February 7, 2003.

6. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$770	\$ \$770.00
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Total Claims	195	-	20	175	x \$18	3150.00
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on of Italian Patent Application No. MI2003A000213, filed February 7, 2003 and claim the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/470,453 filed May 15, 2003.

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